Sumitra

Tell me, father, who are hungry ?

Devadatta

It is their ill-fate- The King's poor subjects have been practising long to live upon half a meal a day, but they have not yet become experts in complete starvation. It is amazing.

Sumitra

But, father, the land is smiling with ripe corn. Why should the King's subjects die of hunger ?

Devadatta

The corn is his, whose is the land,—
it is not for the poor. They, like
intruding dogs at the King's feast,
crouch in the corner for their crumbs,
or kicks.